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SUBJECT: CZECH VISA REFUSAL TO LA TIMES CORRESPONDENT

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ON NOV 26 AND DEC. 1 PAO MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA PRESS SECTION, REQUESTING THAT MURRAY SEEGER BE GIVEN A VISA TO COVER THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC'S VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA DECEMBER 8-10. IN BOTH INSTANCES MFA SAID THAT SEEGER WOULD BE GIVEN VISA AND ON DEC. 2 MFA SPOKESMAN SAID HE WOULD CALL GOC EMBASSY IN BONN TO MAKE SURE THIS WAS DONE. ON DEC. 3 PAO, AFTER TALKING WITH SEEGER, AGAIN TOLD MFA NO VISA WAS BEING ISSUED, AND, SINCE SEEGER WAS DEPARTING OVER WEEKEND FOR SOFIA, COULD GOC EMBASSY THERE ISSUE HIM VISA? MFA PRESS DEPARTMENT TOLD US THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTACT CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN SOFIA ASKING THAT SEEGER BE GIVEN A VISA. SEEGER SAID HE WILL CONTACT GOC EMBASSY SOFIA UPON ARRIVAL. REQUEST SOFIA ADVISE US IF THERE ARE FURTHER HOLD-UPS.
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